GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5428
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002
ASSISTANCE FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been providing financial assistance to State Governments to give a boost to Science Education in schools;

(b) if so, the total financial allocation made to each State Government, particularly to Maharashtra for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have failed to provide science equipments to schools which are badly in need of these equipments;

(d) if so, the details of such States where science education has not been up to the desired level; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement indicating financial allocations made to various States / UTs during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Improvement of Science Education in Schools is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Improvement of Science Education in Schools was introduced in 1987-88. All the States / UTs have drawn funds from the scheme upto the end of 9th Plan period i.e. 2001-2002 for improvement in the quality of science education and to promote scientific temper as envisaged in the National Policy on Education (NPE) and the Programme of Action (POA). All the eligible proposals so received by the Union Government from time to time have been approved without any financial constraint. However, selection of schools and the distribution of equipments etc. out of the funds provided by the Union Government is the responsibility of the State Government / UT Administration concerned.

ANNEXURE-I

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5428 for answer on 30.04.02 regarding Assistance for science education

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ UT	Amount of assistance Sanctioned		
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	480.00	-	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	46.98	-
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	-	21.90

4.	Chattisgarh	-	-	45.00
5.	Goa	7.76	-	-
6.	Gujarat	-	-	393.05
7	Haryana	-	-	103.21
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	234.58
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	144.45	-
10.	Karnataka	-	-	28.22
11.	Kerala	399.92	-	-
12.	Maharashtra	-	170.45	825.54
13.	Mizoram	129.76	-	-
14.	Orissa	1350.00	810.00	-
15.	Punjab	-	626.80	-
16.	Sikkim	1.22	-	-
17.	Tripura	-	101.15	-
18.	Pondichery	3.54	-	-
19.	Lakshadweep	3.60	-	-